

REMARKS

Claims 8-26 remain. No new matter has been added.

1. Claims 8-26 currently stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent 6,617,931 since the claims, if allowed, would allegedly extend the right to exclude granted in U.S. Patent 6,617,931.

A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed herewith.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 8-26 is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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